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11. Reftel letter was delivered to Foreign Minister Moratinos on November 23. While a formal response is still pending, contacts at the MFA have reaffirmed Spain's commitment to provide essential funding for the Palestinian Authority, particularly through EU mechanisms. Foreign Minister
Moratinos is likely to provide more information during his
December 14 bilateral meeting scheduled with Secretary Clinton in Washington. CHACON